(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what follow-up action has been taken so far in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the statutes will be laid on the Table of the House.

Apprehending of a London-based woman terrorist at the New Delhi International Airport

2839. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a London-based woman terrorist of Indian origin who was being flown back to Britain along with an official of the British High Commission was detained by the immigration authorities at the New Delhi international airport in October, 1986; if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken against her; and

(b) whether the issue has been officially taken up with the British High Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) The Immigration authorities detained Mrs. Kuldip Kaur, a U.K. passport holder at the Indira Gandhi International Airport on 18th October, 1986. An official of the British High Commission, Miss K. Doherty, had accompanied the U.K. national to the airport. Mrs. Kuldip Kaur was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate on 6th November, 1986, who remanded her to custody. She has been charged under Section 3 and 4 of the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985.

(b) Yes, Sir.

News-item captioned "The Nun Runner"

2840. SHRI T. R. BALU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "The Nun Runner" which was published in 'India Today' of 31st August, 1986 and also in 'Illustrated Weekly' of 7th Septembr, 1986 issue;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted under Passport Act against the accused Shri Cyriac Puthenpurackal and his institution Nirmala Bhavan; if not, what are the reasons thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to declare him "absconding" as he is not traceable in Kerala and also confiscate his personal properties and Nirmala Bhavan; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent him from cheating innocent and poor people any more in Kerala or elsewhere ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWTR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) All relevant information is being collected. A report will be placed on the Table of the House.

Indian diplomats involved in smuggling activities

2841. SHRI K. GOPALAN :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many Indian diplomats abroad were found to be indulging in smuggling activities during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether anyone was accused of smuggling heroin; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Return Indian Diplomat say three UK MPs" which appeared in the Times of India on 4th November, 1986;

(d) if so, whether any action has been initiated against the concerned diplomat; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the Indian diplomat found to be indulging in narcotics smuggling abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) None, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir, Government have noted this news item. Government have not received details or transcripts of the proceedings of the trial mentioned in the news item, but it is clarified that Government have not received any information from the British authorities raising the charge of smuggling of heroin against the Indian diplomat who was on a one-time assignment as deputationist. He was neither arrested nor did he claim diplomatic privilege but returned to India on transfer at the end of his tenure. Government have not received any request from British authorities for the return of the diplomat concerned to U.K.

(d) and (e) No action has been taken against the official. However, investigations are continuing and if any criminal involvement is proved against the diplomat, action will be taken against him as provided under rules and law.

Reconnaisance mission by US spy planes from Pakistan

2842. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the consequences of US spy planes undertaking reconnaisance missions from Pakistan territory against South Asian countries;

(b) whether the move is directed against India;

(c) whether this move of Pakistan will highten tension in the region; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) to (d) There have been several reports about the existence of US bases in Pakistan. Both USA and Pakistan have denied that there are any US bases in Pakistan. Government is, however continuing to watch the situation carefully since the presence of such bases would inevitably increase tension in the region.

Closing down of industrial units in Kanpur

@2842-A. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) how many industrial units in private sector and public sector have been closed down in Kanpur since the year 1980; and

(b) how many persons lost their employment due to the closure and sickness of the industrial units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Information on industrial closures due to reasons other than industrial disputes is being maintained by Labour Bureau. According to available information, during the period 1980 to 1986 (Jan-Aug), there have been 6 closures in the private sector affecting 703 workers in Kanpur. There has been no closure in the public sector during this period.

Foreign collaboration agreements

@@2842-B. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a collaboration agreement between Fashionsport (India) Private Limited and Playboy Enterprises of the United States has been permitted and if so what products are contemplated to be manufactured thereunder; and

(b) whether Government have liberalised its policy of inducing technology even for consumer products and if so how many

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